

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended Claims 2 and 3 to make them independent. As Claims 5 and 6 are dependent on Claim 2, it is submitted that Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are in an allowable condition, and it is respectfully requested that they now be allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 4, 7-12 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lennox. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant traverses this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has canceled independent Claim 1, made Claim 2 independent, and amended the remaining rejected claims to refer to Claim 2.¹ Hence, in light of the Examiner's statement regarding the allowable subject matter of Claim 2, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are allowable over the cited references, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

¹ Applicant has added new dependent Claims 13-15. As these Claims are the same as Claims 7-9 but dependent on allowable independent Claim 3, these claims should also be allowable.

Formal Drawings

Applicant is submitting formal drawings herewith. No changes or new matter is being added. Therefore, it is requested that these formal drawings be entered and allowed.

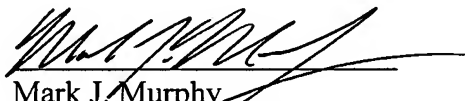
CONCLUSION

Therefore, for at least the above-stated reasons, the present application is now in an allowable condition and should be allowed.

Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any further fee for this amendment and the new Claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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